

A strategic planning meeting of the Royal Oak City Commission was held on Saturday, January 9, 2016, in the police conference room located at 221 E. Third Street, Royal Oak. Mayor Ellison called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor	Ellison	
Mayor Pro Tem	Fournier	
Commissioners	Douglas	
	DuBuc	
	Mahrle	
	Paruch	
	Poulton	

Also present were City Manager Johnson and Chief of Police/Assistant City Manager O'Donohue.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jason Gittinger, Commission for the Arts, spoke regarding the strategic planning process being conducted by the Commission for the Arts and asked the commission to keep the arts in mind as they set their goals for the coming year.

Mr. Brendan Wehrung, 702 Irving, spoke regarding the renewal of the public safety millage and his concern that information will not get out due to updated policies in Lansing. He also spoke about concerns in paying for sewer repairs and bonding city legacy costs. Finally, he opposes plans for the proposed city hall/civic space that include the city renting the city hall space.

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FACILITATOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Jo Anna Trierweiler gave an overview of her role as a facilitator for the meeting.

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GROUP DISCUSSION

City Commissioners were assigned to groups for various roundtable exercises, which included looking at their goals for 2030 and then drawing the discussion back to goals for the coming year.

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NEXT STEPS

Ms. Trierweiler will compile all the work completed by the commission and return it the week of January 18 for further review and input by the commission and city staff. Goals and objectives will then be finalized and adopted at a future city commission meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Mahrle, and adopted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Melanie Halas, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes of the strategic planning meeting held on January 9, 2016, having been officially approved by the city commission on Monday, January 25, 2016, are hereby signed this twenty-fifth day of January 2016.

James B. Ellison, Mayor